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ATTACHMENT   25X1A

OXCART MISSION DATA
Mission BX6718

Date Scheduled: 31 August 1967

Date Flown: 31 August 1967

Mission Completed as Planned: (see Remarks)

Mission Abort:

    Ground: N/A
    Air: N/A

Mission Cancellation: N/A

    Reason: _____

Mission Recalled: N/A

    Reason: _____

Precautionary Landing: N/A

25X1D   Reason: _____

Remarks: Mission partially successful. Weather was worse than   25X1A
briefed; camera malfunctioned after first pass.

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission Number BX6718

1.   Subject mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center commencing at 1400 hours, 6 September 1967.

2.   Mission Data:

    a.   Mission Number: BX6718
    b.   Date Flown: 31 August 1967
    c.   Area of Operation: North Vietnam
    d.   Mission Success: Partially Successful (see Para 3. c. (3) below)

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    e.   Pilot's Name:
    f.   Aircraft Number: 127
    g.   Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
    h.   Takeoff Time - Planned: 31/0240Z
                         Actual: 31/0240Z.
    i.   Landing Time - Planned: 31/0750Z
                         Actual: 31/0752Z
    j.   Time Enroute - Planned: 5+10
                     Actual: 5+12
    k.   Departure Base: Kadena AB
    l.   Landing Base: Kadena AB   25X1D
    m.   Equipment:

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3. Operations:

(3)   Some target coverage was obtained despite camera malfunction and poor weather in target areas.

4.   Weather:

a.   Forecast vs Actual:

(1)   Worse than briefed.

(2)   Comments: CAT III (1/8 Cu, 1/8 Ac & 2/8-3/8 Cl) Forecast for all flt lines. CAT V (5% cloud free) existed over Pass No. 1; CAT II over Pass No. 2; and CAT I over Pass No. 3. The 417 satelite indicated deterioration over Pass No. 1 which was considered prior to takeoff.   Deterioration due tropical storm "Nora."

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b.   Weather Scout Reporting: Satisfactory.

5.   Intelligence:

a.   Target Coverage:

(1)   0 of 22 programmed targets covered.
(2)   1 first-priority SSM targets of 9 covered.
(3)   3 of 27 first-priority NVN COMOR targets covered.
(4)   0 SAM sites, 0 sites occupied, 0 new sites.
(5)   1 other priority NVN COMOR target covered.
(6)   Comments: No evidence of offensive SSM equipment or
facilities observed.   Photography of land mass is 6/8 cloud
covered.

b.   Quality of Take: Satisfactory.

(1)   Resolution: [   ] However,   25X1A
only 55% of format could be considered good.

(2)   Camera Operation: Package failed twenty-four (24)
seconds after second turn-on (after approx 20 minutes and
56 seconds of camera operation).   Camera transported 1200' of
film, approx 800' of this was during pre-flight.   Camera
declared non-ready pending flight test.

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f.   Take Movement:

(1)   Photography: Satisfactory.

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6.   Materiel:

a.   Aircraft General: Satisfactory.

(1)   Comments: Right engine (221) had tendency for EGT to climb and required repeated de-richment. Aircraft EGT system satisfactory.

b.   Aircraft Systems: Unsatisfactory.

(1)   Comments: Type I, G - System downgraded to non-ready. Malfunction under investigation; ARC-50 external voice inop beyond 135 miles; TACAN unreliable (air-to-air) beyond 10 miles.

7.   Communications: Satisfactory.

a.   Message Traffic: Satisfactory.

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(1)   Comments: ARC-50 inop on external ADF

8.   Significant Actions Taken: Type I, G camera installed in aircraft 127 for FCF. If successful, camera will be returned to OR status.

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9. Outstanding Actions Required:

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